

Subject: Colchester Technical Rescue
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To: avoegele@town.colchester.vt.us

Dear Mr. Voegelé:

I have become concerned with the activities of the Town of Colchester and The Colchester Technical Rescue Unit which is now supported by the Town Budget. The Town of Colchester has indicated that they are unable to handle the management of the Colchester Rescue Squad while individuals sell property for their personal enrichment which was obtained by Government Grant for Colchester Rescue. In addition the fraudulent billing of over 480 cases by the Town of Colchester to the Federal Government.

Colchester Technical Rescue does not appear on any records of the Vermont Secretary of State or the Department of Health & Human Services.

However in 2006 the Colchester Technical Rescue paid salaries of \$8,520.00 and received reimbursements of \$3,015.00 (2005) and \$2,865.00 (2006).

As a concerned citizen of Colchester I would appreciate your advising me of who was provided salary payments in 2006 totaling \$8,520.00 and from whom and what the reimbursements were for in 2006.

I understand that you will probably ignore this e-mail so please be advised that I will be in the Town Offices to look up the information.

At that time I will also request to review the current contract with St. Michael's College Rescue. I will also request the amount that St. Michael's Rescue has contributed to ambulance income for the Town of Colchester for 2005, 2006 and currently this year FY 2007.

I further request and documents in existence which show that there is an effort underway by Town Officials to undermine the safety and security of the people of Colchester by denying them access to the fastest and most efficient emergency medical services.

I would appreciate this information as soon as possible.

Thank you

Bill Stafford

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Dear Mr. Stafford:


This letter is in response to your requests for information concerning the Colchester Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads. I am listing below the answers to your questions in the order that you asked them. If you any further questions after reading this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Al Voegele, the Town Manager.

The Technical Rescue Squad is a part of the Rescue Department of the Town of Colchester. It has been in existence since 1988 and has been funded by the Town since that time. As a department of the Town the Technical Rescue Squad does not have to be separately registered with the Vermont Secretary of State. The Town budget includes money for Technical Rescue Squad each year. During the period you are concerned with Technical Rescue salaries were budgeted in the account called Ambulance Personnel.

- The salaries paid in FY 06 of \$8,520 are shown on the attached page.
- FY 2005 Reimbursements of \$3,015.40 were all from the State of Vermont
 - \$478.00 – for a response to Killington, Vermont to rescue 4 missing skiers
 - \$1,157.00 – for a Bolton, Vermont rescue effort
 - \$668.00 – for a rescue effort in East Berkshire, Vermont
 - \$712.40 – rescue in West Rutland, Vermont
- FY 2006 Reimbursements of \$2,865.10
 - \$1,458.00 – Rescues in Brattleboro, Vermont and Keene, New Hampshire
 - \$1,407.10 – Rescue in Duxbury, Vermont
- We currently have no contract with Saint Michael's Rescue and have not had a contract with them in the previous two years that you asked about.
- We have neither paid to nor received funds from Saint Michael's Rescue during the period that you are interested in.
- There is no effort underway and we, therefore, have no documents which show that there is such an effort underway by Town officials to undermine the safety and security of the people of Colchester by denying them access to fast and efficient emergency medical services.

. We are providing this information to you as it is covered by the Vermont Public Records Law.

Sincerely,


Joan Boehm

Cc: ✓ Al Voegele, Town Manager
Bob Roesler, Town Attorney
Colchester Select Board

**Fiscal Year 2006 Volunteer Reimbursements
Colchester Technical Rescue**

Name	\$\$\$
Akerlind	\$810
Aumand	\$535
Bliss	\$380
Cannon	\$935
Clark	\$350
Coffrin	\$145
Flieger	\$460
Frisbie	\$465
Genon	\$595
Haggerty	\$155
Harkins	\$275
Howard	\$395
Lamoureux	\$580
Lebrecque	\$210
Mulac, D.	\$225
Mulac, J.	\$270
Rosenthal	\$95
Voity	\$375
Whipple	\$370
Wilson	\$385
Wolf	\$510
TOTAL:	\$8,520